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## Daycare decision leaves parents scrambling

by OLIVIA ROBINSON  
Times Staff

Parents and caregivers of children enrolled at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden are scrambling to find child-minding after being notified with just one week's notice that the daycare would close on June 22.

The OEYC in Minden provides services for close to 50 children, with another 40 names on the wait list. In addition to the loss of childcare in Minden, nine employees will lose their jobs on account of the facility's closure.

In a June 15 letter, Ryan O'Neill, board member of the OEYC said that "ongoing concerns regarding the level of funding for the childcare, coupled with the growing administrative burden led to a Board decision to cease to operate the childcare" ultimately led to the closure.

The letter goes on to explain that the OEYC had hoped to transfer the service to another "established, childcare organization" and that discussions had already begun with another

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### Bringing history to life

The re-enactors of the Incorporated Militia of Upper Canada, who are part of the Military Re-Enactment Society of Canada even got young visitors to perform a firing drill at the 1812 historical showcase on Saturday at the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village. The event included an opportunity for visitors to learn about the drills performed by the militia soldiers, how they dressed and what equipment they used, including what civilians (women and children) did at that time. See more photos on page 9. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Minden food bank leads the pack

by JENN WATT  
Editor

In only a few short years, the Minden Community Food Centre has transformed from a traditional food bank, crammed into a space barely large enough to hold the food it distributed, to a bustling food centre, with a kitchen,

walk-in freezers and programming.

Committed staff and enthusiastic volunteers keep the place running, innovating to fit the needs of the residents they serve. From cooking classes for elementary school students to emergency relief efforts when Minden was flooded in 2017, the food centre has responded to local needs.

Their actions drew the attention of the Ontario

Association of Food Banks, which gave them their Leadership Award at the organization's conference in Sarnia on June 3.

"The Minden Community Food Centre was selected for the Leadership Award because of their incredible growth in programs over the last three years, including services like their heat bank, cooking classes for children, meal

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# Residents rally for daycare solution

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operator, but to date, an agreement hadn't been reached.

At the time of publication, a meeting had been scheduled Wednesday evening to discuss a potential action plan to save the daycare. CAO Mike Rutter, Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, and a representative from the City of Kawartha Lakes had planned to attend.

In a June 18 press release, the City of Kawartha Lakes wrote: "In response to this unexpected and last minute decision by the OEYC Board, Social Services staff at the City of Kawartha Lakes is working diligently to find alternative care options for families."

They said they would not be offering up any more comments to the media until after the June 20 meeting.

Kinga Baricz, the daycare's supervisor who has been with the OEYC for 10 years, said she was only notified of the closure in the afternoon of June 15. She, along with concerned parents and caregivers, want to know who was ultimately responsible for this outcome — whether it was the Ministry of Education, the OEYC board or something else.

"Even for me as a supervisor not to know anything? That really worried me," Baricz said. "I was a mess. This place means everything to me. It's my family. You mess with my family, you hurt my family — I'm not going to back down."

Parents and caregivers met with Baricz on June 18 for an emergency meeting to ask how they should proceed — a conversation that Baricz said was extremely productive.

"We are very appreciative of the community's support. It's just been phenomenal and it shows unity. It shows that we are all in this together and that it takes a community to raise the children."

Local resident Richard Bradley also began circulating a change.org petition, which has amassed more than 625 signatures as of June 19. A Facebook page called "Help SAVE Ontario Early Years" has also been launched to co-ordinate

efforts to save the daycare.

Christine Kemp, a mother of four and a student at Georgian College in Orillia said she needs the daycare and the school-age program for her children.

"My kids love it there, and I feel it has been imperative to a lot of their well being and personality development. The staff is amazing with my kids, and my children are happy there," she wrote on the "Help SAVE Ontario Early Years" Facebook page.

"Closing this daycare will create a devastating ripple effect. We need more licensed daycares, not less; and definitely not none."

The reaction from the community has been swift and strong, including many emotional social media posts by parents concerned about the closure of the daycare and the extremely short notice. The public's outcry hasn't been limited to parents — local politicians have also started to weigh in on the closure.

MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Laurie Scott tweeted on June 18: "Working on the Minden Childcare Centre closure with the parties involved to try to find a solution. The short notice given has left many families in the Minden community struggling."

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt replied to Scott's post, expressing her concern about the daycare's closure with hashtags "#unacceptable #disappointed #seekingsolutions."

In the meantime, the City of Kawartha Lakes is encouraging parents and caregivers to put their name on the new childcare wait list service, One Human Services Network, which was implemented last spring. The service is set-up so that families can apply to multiple licensed childcares at one time. It can be accessed on the One Human Services Network website.

Visit the *Minden Times*'s website for the latest information on the daycare closure.

## Laundry facility proposed for Prince Street

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during a June 14 Minden Hills committee-of-the-whole meeting.*

A laundry facility is being proposed for a vacant lot at the corner of Prince and Booth streets in Minden.

The facility would require the rezoning of the property from residential to commercial and during a public meeting on the proposal, resident Sinclair Russell said he was concerned about placing a commercial enterprise along the mostly residential corridor of Prince Street.

A planning consultant for the applicant said the rezoning would be a logical extension of the commercial area that already exists along Booth Street.

The facility would include 40 machines and would clean laundry for area camps. It would not operate as a public laundromat, although a report from the township's planner indicated this may be part of future operations.

Councillor Jeanne Anthon said she supported new business opportunities in the community and questioned the kind of traffic flow that would be coming in and out of the proposed business.

The planning consultant said there would likely be a couple of vehicle movements per day, with a truck going to pick up, and then going to drop off, laundry.

"I guess I would just express a general concern around our bylaws, our zoning, that we don't get into creeping zon-

ing, in other words, we're creeping into residential, when it wasn't originally planned that way," Anthon said. "So my concerns rest around keeping that street looking as residential as possible."

Mayor Brent Devolin noted that a nearby business had equipment such as loaders and graders on its property, and that a laundry facility seemed to be a less intensive use.

## Public input on short-term accommodations

The township plans to gather public feedback on potential municipal regulations for short-term rental accommodations. Short-term rentals, such as those advertised on websites such as Airbnb have been a contentious issue within Haliburton County for years and some municipalities have established bylaws attempting mitigate or establishing a process for the practice.

"Staff are proposing a work plan which would start with public engagement via online and newspaper advertisements followed by an open house for soliciting input," read a report from planner Ian Clendening. That open house will take place in July. "This input would be considered in the development of bylaws which would be prepared for the public's review and consideration at a second open house in September."

Bylaws would come before council in October. The work plan will come before council at the end of the month for approval.

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# Kids' cooking camp coming this summer

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program and medical appliances, as well as their incredible leadership and service during the flood that took place in Minden last spring," said Amanda Colella-King, director of communications for the Ontario Association of Food Banks, via email.

Marilynne Lesperance, Minden Community Food Centre vice-chair, said receiving the award on behalf of the staff and volunteers made her feel humbled and proud at the same time.

"When you think about four years ago we were in a tiny place beside Remedy [pharmacy] and we could never have accomplished there what we do now. I feel every volunteer should be cheering because of what we've been able to do in four years," she said in an interview with the *Minden Times*.

Without the current space, which was an addition to the Masonic Lodge on Newcastle Street, the food centre would not be able to do what it has done, she said.

"This wouldn't have been possible if the Masonic Lodge and the food bank had not got together. It would not have been possible to do

all the programs we do, or the meals, or the disaster relief. That's the first thing," Lesperance said.

"The second reason it was possible is because we have such an incredible team of volunteers that come together every week. We produce 100 meals every Monday morning that go to freezers and are distributed to the ... clients that come into the food bank, primarily seniors. [The] third reason that we're successful, to me, is because this community is so supportive of us. All of us really feel very blessed. I truly believe that all those factors came together to allow us to do all the programs we do."

Lesperance, who was chair of the board for years, is now manager of the community kitchen, a volunteer position. On the day of her interview with the *Times*, she was in the midst of hosting a group of 40 Grade 7 students.

Last year, the food centre held cooking classes for the Grade 8s, she explained, and its popularity has led to demand for more.

"All their mothers have already called me and said you'd better be doing that class next year. They had a ball. The Grade 8s came for two months and then they did a graduation dinner for the family and their teachers," she said.

With grant money, the food centre will be expanding its programming into the summer, with a kids' cooking camp starting the second week in July and running for six weeks. The free camp will teach children eight and older how to cook.

The food centre operates with two staff and dozens of volunteers: 14 at the community kitchen and between 35 and 40 in the food bank.

Those volunteers came in handy during the 2017 flood, when the Minden Community Food Centre lept into action, opening two relief centres when the town needed them the most.

They prepared hot meals, organized and distributed toiletries and made accommodations for those who were fending off rising water in their homes.

"Anybody who couldn't cook in their own home came here for hot meals every night during the flood. And people who didn't want to leave [their] sump pump, we delivered hot meals to them," she said.

It's no wonder the Ontario Association of Food Banks recognized them.

"On behalf of the provincial food bank network, we would like to congratulate the Minden Community Food Centre on being this

year's recipient of the 2018 OAFB Leadership Award," said Carolyn Stewart, executive director, Ontario Association of Food Banks. "Through their innovative programming, commitment to service, and willingness to go above and beyond during times of crisis or need, this food bank exemplifies what it means to be a leader in the community and in our sector."



Marilynne Lesperance, left, receives the Leadership Award on behalf of the Minden Community Food Centre from Carolyn Stewart, executive director of the Ontario Association of Food Banks at their convention in Sarnia on June 3. /Photo supplied by the Ontario Association of Food Banks

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Payments received after June 15th may not be reflected on your tax bill. Please note that any overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for July. Please contact our office for a current balance.

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# Sayne cites septic inspection concerns

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Minden Hills Ward 2 Councillor Pam Sayne has numerous concerns about the lone bid the township received for the delivery of a mandatory septic re-inspection program, and the township's building and bylaw officer will be following up with the company.

Municipalities have been mandated by the province to create septic re-inspection programs, although what type of inspections are performed is up to each individual municipality. There are four basic types of septic inspection. Type 1 involves only paperwork and requires no site visit. Type 2 includes a site visit, but inspectors don't actually look inside the tank. Type 3 involves a lid-off inspection of septic tanks and Type 4 includes a lid-off inspection, and then a second inspection after the tank has been pumped out.

Minden Hills will use Type 4 inspections and late last year issued a request for proposals for the service.

As a report from building and bylaw officer Colin McKnight indicates, that process resulted in one bid from firm WSP Canada.

The contract would include what the company calls "stand-alone costs," which would total more than \$100,000, plus taxes.

The bulk of this amount is \$85,700 plus taxes – or \$13 and change, per property – for the scheduling portion of the program.

"The township would be invoiced after the work is com-

plete," McKnight's report reads. "This amount includes the preparation and scheduling of letters, including postage, etc. to property owners and scheduling for each type of inspection."

A fee of nearly \$90 plus taxes would be charged for the completion of any required third-party inspections, that is, situations where WSP would review inspections that property owners may have had completed by other companies. According to McKnight's report, that would include reviewing the reports and company credentials, transcribing data and providing confirmation to the property owner and the township.

"It will be the responsibility of the property owner to provide all documentation to WSP," the report reads.

The company would also charge \$16,500 plus HST for two public information sessions it intends to conduct, and the company would charge \$700 plus HST for each council meeting representatives of the company are requested to attend.

Another, one-time fee of \$17,625 would be charged for the start-up of the program, which according to the report, "includes a review of existing septic records, risk assessment, mapping and database creation."

The inspections themselves, which would include pre-pumping, post-pumping and post-remedial pumping would cost approximately \$390, plus taxes, each.

It is unclear at this point how much each inspection fee would cost residents themselves.

The initial contract would be for a three-year term, with two, one-year extension options.

Sayne said the proposed contract posed myriad problems for her.

"With deep regret, I can't support this," Sayne said, adding she's reviewed the report multiple times. "I have extreme concerns about this, I don't know where to start, I have pages of thoughts."

Sayne said to her the contract amounts to an open-ended agreement with a large corporation where much of the work would be contracted out to local people anyway. She also questioned whether the proposed schedule of nine inspec-

tions per day, or eight inspections per day for waterfront properties, was possible.

"We're taking something that is the private responsibility of every homeowner and putting it into a public management situation," she said.

Sayne said there were better ways of conducting the inspections, such as the system that's been adopted in Dysart et al, where residents can choose from a list of pre-approved companies and have a deadline by which to submit their paperwork to the municipality.

"In comparison, where, I'll use the Dysart example, where they're putting all the onus of the homeowner . . . so selecting qualified people who are qualified through their roads department, to do the work," Sayne said. "They can call any of those companies who are qualified and certified, and there's no additional cost. The homeowner can do it at their convenience."

Sayne said this model allows groups of neighbours to band together, and hire a company to do a round of pumpings in one day.

"It's a neighbourhood responsibility, not a harsh letter from the municipality," she said.

Apart from what she called an "administrative quagmire," Sayne also questioned whether the area had the capacity to accommodate the amount of septage the program would produce.

"Certainly, in terms of the pump-out, there's been conversations with both Thomas [Francis Thomas Contracting] and Shepherd [Shepherd Environmental Services], and they're aware of the path we're likely to take, and between the two of them, they're confident they have the capacity to deal with what's coming forward," said Mayor Brent Devolin. Devolin added he would digest Sayne's many concerns.

"It's a plan, there's no perfect plan, it's the most intensive look," Devolin said.

McKnight will be contacting the company for further clarification of some of the details in the proposed agreement.

Haliburton County's three other lower-tier municipalities – Dysart et al, Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands – have each already adopted septic re-inspection programs.

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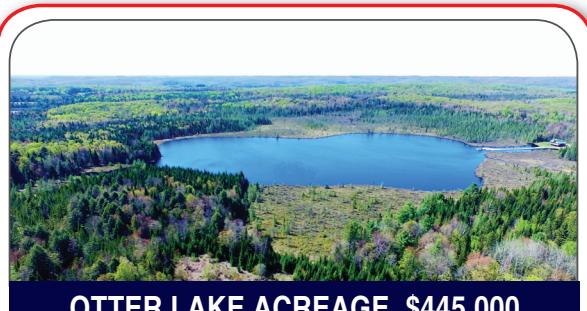
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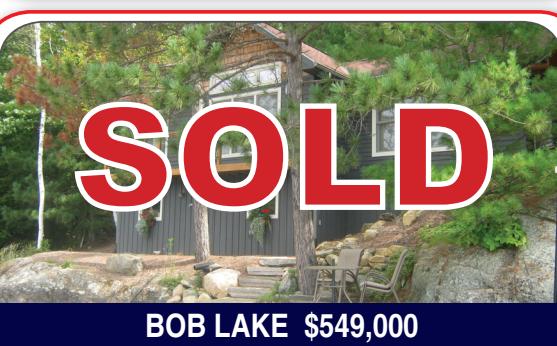
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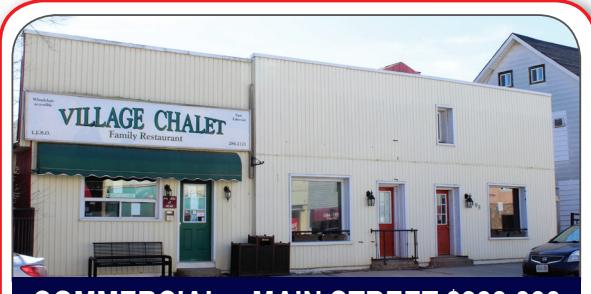


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## No notice

THE COMMUNITY was shocked last Friday by the abrupt announcement that the board of the Ontario Early Years Centre for Haliburton Victoria Brock would close the licensed childcare centre in Minden, effective this Friday.

Yes, you read that correctly. Parents whose children attend the centre were informed via a letter that they would have one week to find alternate accommodations for their children. One week.

While the closure of the centre is unfortunate, the lack of notice is unforgivable. It is unacceptable. It is appalling.

According to the letter, "ongoing concerns regarding the level of funding for the childcare, coupled with the growing administrative burden," led to the board's decision. The letter also explains the intention was not to end licensed childcare in Minden, but to transfer the service to another organization. It says, however, that an agreement with that organization hasn't been reached, and that the current contract with the City of Kawartha Lakes – which is the social services provider for Haliburton County – expires June 22.

None of that, of course, is the fault of the 50 children who use the centre, or their families, or

the families of the additional 40 or so children on its waiting list. The small number of unlicensed daycare operations in the community will undoubtedly be inundated with requests, and it seems unlikely that there will be enough cumulative space for the children who are being displaced.

The centre should not be closed until a reasonable transition plan is in place.

Period. That is only logical. If required, the contract with the City of Kawartha Lakes should be extended for an interim period, until a suitable solution can be found. Members of the OEYC board may wish to

reassess their ability to make reasonable decisions that affect entire communities, and indeed reconsider if they are able to sufficiently carry out their duties at all. This decision is a calamity of the highest order.

There was a public meeting scheduled in Minden on Wednesday night, meaning this column will have gone to press by the time that meeting occurs. Hopefully, some reasonable, interim solution has been reached by the time these words show up in newsprint.

If not, rest assured this issue will continue to be written about in these pages. This decision is unacceptable and this community will not stand for it.



CHAD INGRAM  
Reporter

## IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor



Pot of gold

by Karen London

## The mental game for bass

RIGHT NOW, across the province, bass season is open or on the verge of opening. This is a very special time of year for bass anglers and, as you would expect for any major religious holiday, there is much to do before we can celebrate.

Most new anglers think that preparation for a new bass season is about getting tackle boxes organized and sneaking in new gear, such as a bass boat, into the house or garage.

Certainly, that's part of it.

The more important part is mental preparation, however.

If you do not prepare yourself mentally for any eventuality, you won't be able to control your tears when the new angler you take out catches a five pounder on a lure that you just insisted would not work.

Mental preparation for bass fishing is what makes the difference between a

good day and a bad one. For instance, when I go out on opening day, the first thing I say to my buddy is "It doesn't matter if I catch any fish at all; it's just great being out here."

And while everyone knows I am lying, that statement is still better than the alternative: "It doesn't matter if I catch any fish at all, so long as you don't either."

Part of the psychological regimen I'd recommend is preparing for the eventuality, nay certainty, that the person I'm with will catch a bigger fish.

To desensitize myself to this scenario, I have spent hours prior to the season looking at Facebook postings from previous opening days that show my buddies holding a big bass while I am doing my best to look happy for them – which is no small feat

from a fetal position. I do this until you have no more tears to give.

Conversely, I also prepare for the off chance that I will catch the biggest fish of the day. The idea here is to do it in a nonchalant, heck, almost noble manner. I have been working on this a lot of late, as the jig I did three years ago was a little too undignified plus it almost tipped the canoe – which, again, would not have been so bad had it not been already tied to the roof of the SUV.

Another bit of mental preparation important to the bass angler is the ability to walk calmly out of the lake, back up the boat launch, and through the crowds with your head held high, as you advance towards your truck to get the plug you forgot to put in your boat.

If you do not prepare for this and have a witty statement like, "Now that I have washed out the inside of my boat, it's time to go fishing," you will probably lose the respect of your fellow anglers.

Also you need to react rationally when your fishing buddy uses a fishing net to dislodge the hook from the biggest bass you have ever caught. If you do not prepare mentally, your initial impulse will be to wrap that net around his neck.

I don't think I need to say how wrong this is. For goodness sake, you are going to need that net.

With a little foresight and thought given to the incident, however, you'll understand that you need to do the right thing – which is to smile, remain calm and ask your fishing buddy to leave the boat and walk to shore.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have a net to repair.



STEVE GALEA  
Beyond 35

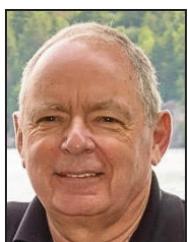
## IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

# The positives of creepy crawlers

**F**INDING SOMETHING good in everything takes work. For instance, it requires a colossal imagination stretch to find positives in the forest tent caterpillar onslaught chewing parts of Ontario. There are no reports of wide scale infestations in Haliburton, however serious outbreaks have been reported northwest of the county. The Sudbury-Manitoulin Island region seems to be the centre of an infestation that stretches west to Sault Ste. Marie and east into the Ottawa Valley.

The creepy critters have been crawling all over Sudbury's landmark Big Nickel, the nine-metre tall replica of a 1951 five-cent piece. In some places they are covering outdoor furniture, cars and house walls.



**JIM POLING SR.**

From *Shaman's Rock*

Peak infestations see billions of caterpillars chewing the leaves off thousands of acres of forest. Defoliation can be severe with trees left with nothing but naked limbs. The preferred leaves of the tent caterpillar are poplar and birch although they also are attracted to hardwoods.

Even peak infestations do not seriously damage healthy trees. Tree trunks hold enough nutrients to keep themselves going long enough to produce a new crop of leaves.

However, armies of caterpillars have been known to delay highway and rail traffic when squished bodies make pavement and rails dangerously slippery. Caterpillars also have been known to crawl along power lines, causing outages.

They can be a major nuisance but pose no threats to human health.

Tent caterpillars emerge in spring and go on a feeding frenzy until late June or early July when they transform into flying moths. The moths lay egg masses on tree twigs the thickness of a pencil. The egg sacs remain there until next spring when new caterpillar populations emerge.

During peak infestations masses of caterpillars actually can be heard munching leaves.

Anything that eats that much has to go the bathroom. And, caterpillars go to the bathroom a lot.

Walking through a forest where caterpillars are at work you might hear what sounds like light rainfall. It is not rain. It is caterpillar poop, little pieces the size of pepper flecks, falling from the trees.

Scientists have positive thoughts about all this. Caterpillar excrement is rich in protein and nitrogen, they say, so it is good fertilizer when it falls to the forest floor.

Also, folks who study these things say that when caterpillars defoliate a forest they create openings that let sunlight into lower areas, creating healthier conditions for smaller plants.

Caterpillars also provide food for birds and to a lesser extent, squirrels, chipmunks, raccoons and mice. Fish are said to gorge on them when they fall into lakes or streams. However, as caterpillars grow, the hairs on their sides stiffen and make them less palatable, and less digestible.

That doesn't seem to bother bears. The North American Bear Centre in Minnesota reports that a black bear consumes roughly eight to 10 kilograms of caterpillars a day. Considering that a fully developed caterpillar weighs only one-half gram, that's a lot of caterpillars.

The centre said one bear consumed 25,192 caterpillars in one day. How could any researcher come to that exact count? Certainly not by watching the bear stuffing them into its mouth.

It turns out that caterpillar skins pass through a bear's digestive system intact and can be found in their scat. A researcher tracked one bear for three 24-hour periods, collected all of its 73 droppings and counted the caterpillar skins in the poop.

So, as ugly and unwanted as they are when they come in masses, caterpillars do have their positives. They provide food for other wildlife and work for researchers willing to poke their fingers into stuff most of us gladly sidestep.

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## Iliotibial band (IT band)

**T**HE ILIOTIBIAL BAND, also known as the IT band, is a thick band of fascia that runs down the outside of your leg. If you were to look it up on the internet a ton of links to information regarding iliotibial band syndrome will come up. Before we talk about the pain the IT band can cause let's review what it is exactly.

The IT band is attached in the area of the hip and runs down the outside of your thigh to where it connects just below your knee. Being fascia, an elastic connective tissue that is found throughout the body, it is responsible for assisting our leg muscles and bones in both moving and stabilizing our legs. For many years the IT bands were thought to be there to keep the hips stable but research has revealed that they have more function in movement than that. Stand up now, take one step, stop and hold that position. The IT band was active in all of that, and still is if you have continued standing in the lunge-like position. That leg swing, the stopping, and then the stabilizing in that new position. This simple exercise demonstrates the importance of the IT band.

A yoga instructor once told me that the IT band is such a strong piece of fascia that it could hold up a car. When the IT band is at its optimal length it functions perfectly. When it shortens it has the power to pull bones out of alignment, and that's when we experience pain, especially knee pain. Imagine the knee joint not tracking the grooves it has to track in. The pain comes



**LAURIE SWEIG**

Practical Fitness

from bones, tendons and ligaments being out of position while we try to carry on with our regular routines. The longer will let this go on the greater the damage.

It's quite easy to keep our IT bands healthy. Here are some ideas:

- The first step is regulating exercise so that overuse injuries are avoided. Weight management falls under this category as well. Carrying extra weight on our frames is like working out too much on a daily basis.

- Self massage of the IT bands is a great way to regularly assess if there is tightness. With your fingertips gently dig into the side of your thigh to find the band. It really does feel like a big rubber band. As

you move your fingers along the band stop at the "trigger points." You'll know what they are because they HURT. Stay and massage them. Essentially you're working out the kink that is shortening the IT band.

- Regularly stretch the muscles of your lower body. Many of these stretches also stretch the IT band. (Please contact me at [laurie@thepointforfitness.com](mailto:laurie@thepointforfitness.com) for a list of stretches.)

Get to know your IT bands. If taking care of them means less pain for you, is it not worth doing?

Something to think about.

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## Fishing derby July 7

### DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross

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own pole. As usual there will be a prize ceremony with lots of prizes to be given out and every child gets a prize. Grab your wackiest fishing hat/outfit/shoes, whatever, and head down to Cedar Narrows Park (rain date Sunday, July 8) and good luck!

Are you excited for Dorset's Canada Day fireworks display? Do you want to continue seeing them each and every year? Consider making an online donation at [gofundme.com/DorsetFireworks2018](http://gofundme.com/DorsetFireworks2018). The fireworks are happening Saturday, June 30 and the Likly family are matching all GoFundMe donations dollar for dollar to help keep this tradition alive. In previous years the show was put on by the Dorset Community Projects Group but has since been taken over by the Dorset Volunteer Firefighters. It is a myth that the townships and the government pay this yearly show. It's funded 100 per cent by donations, so the more donations received, the bigger the show. The rain date for the fireworks is Sunday, July 1.

Happy birthday to Devon McKey, Pam Bessey, Matthew Cyopick, Bernie Guidi, Sabrina Baum, June Johnson and Andy Cyopick. For birthdays and submissions please send them to [burgesslt@me.com](mailto:burgesslt@me.com).

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## Red coats invade Minden

The re-enactors of the Incorporated Militia of Upper Canada, who are part of the Military Re-Enactment Society of Canada perform a firing drill for the 1812 historical showcase on Saturday at the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village. The event included an opportunity for the youngest visitors to march like soldiers and learn about their equipment and discover what women and children did at that time. / DARRON LUM Staff



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# Couchiching Conservancy boasts new nature reserve bordering provincial park

by OLIVIA ROBINSON  
Times Staff

The Couchiching Conservancy has acquired 728 acres of natural habitat, including 4.4 kilometres of shoreline adjacent to the Black River, about 30 kilometres southwest from Minden.

Through hundreds of donations, including a large contribution by the Government of Canada's Natural Areas Conservation Program, the Couchiching Conservancy was able to secure the purchase of the land. The Ron Reid Nature Reserve is now the largest property of the Couchiching Conservancy.

The couple who previously owned the property for several years, had initially spoken to Ontario Parks about acquiring the land, who then redirected them to the Couchiching Conservancy, said Tanya Clark, development co-ordinator for the organization.

"It was a good opportunity to have a new neighbour with Ontario Parks and particularly to be able to protect a piece of the Black River," said Clark. With the purchase of the land by the Couchiching Conservancy, both sides of the shoreline will now be protected, since the Black River cuts through the centre of the property.

The land was a privately-owned parcel of property that borders the Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands on three of its four sides. It also occupies an area left behind from receding glaciers from more than 10,000 years ago.

The purchase was made back in February of this year, and is just one of several other privately-owned parcels of land located within the park. Ontario Parks said that the region houses many species at risk including Blanding's turtle, snapping turtle, eastern hog-nosed snake, five-lined skink and some bird species.

At the nonprofit's annual general meeting in March, the Black River Wildlands – as the new nature reserve was previously known – had its name changed to honour one of the founders of the Couchiching Conservancy, Ron Reid. Clark said that an official unveiling of the property is scheduled for a yet-to-be determined date in September.

The next steps for the Couchiching Conservancy include ongoing stewardship and monitoring of the property. Eventually, Clark hopes that the conservancy will have a trail leading from the parking lot down to the Black River. In the meantime, each nature reserve under the Couchiching Conservancy has a property management plan, which looks at invasive species and other concerns.

"We want to give people access to the land if we can – if it makes sense for the property," she said.

The nearby Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands is known for being one of the least disturbed natural areas in central Ontario, according to Ontario Parks.

Since 1993, the Couchiching Conservancy has protected nearly 5,260 hectares in the Lake Couchiching region. The Ron Reid Nature Reserve is now the largest property contained in the Couchiching Conservancy.

The Couchiching Conservancy is hosting a free event for kids "Passport to Nature: Nuts for Nature" at the Carden Recreation Centre on Sunday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A link to the registration page can be found at Mindentimes.ca.



With support from Government of Canada's Natural Areas Conservation Program, the Couchiching Conservancy has acquired 728 acres of natural habitat, now known as the Ron Reid Nature Reserve, making it the largest of the conservancy's properties. The land purchase also includes 4.4 kilometres of Black River shoreline. /Photo submitted

## Teljeur enters MH race

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Well-known community organizer John Teljeur has entered the municipal election race in Minden Hills, where he will challenge Councillor-at-large Ron Nesbitt for his seat.

Teljeur, a founder of Heat Bank Haliburton County, announced he filed nomination papers on June 19.

At press time, Mayor Brent Devolin remained the lone mayoral candidate, and current Ward 1 Councillor Lisa Schell the lone candidate for deputy mayor.

In Ward 1, Jennifer Hughey, Clayton Cameron and current Ward 3 Councillor Jean Neville have filed. In Ward 2, Councillor Pam Sayne is being challenged by Mike Grozelle, and in Ward 3, Russ Duhaime is running for councillor.

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The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit encourages people to take steps to protect themselves during extremely hot, humid weather. Heat-related

illnesses such as dehydration, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke can be very dangerous, especially for infants, older adults, and people with chronic diseases.

es. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, headache, fainting, paleness, weakness, tiredness, dizziness, and nausea. If local residents experience heat-related illness or symptoms, they should seek medical attention.

"While heat-related illnesses can take an extreme toll on many people, the good news is that is largely preventable by being smart and taking the right precautions," says Melissa Ivey, emergency management coordinator with the health unit. "It's important not to overdo things when it's extremely hot outside. Instead, drink plenty of water and seek out cool places."

To help alert people to the arrival of extremely warm conditions, the health unit will issue the following if conditions warrant:

- A heat warning is issued when the day-time temperature is forecast to be 31°C or higher, with a minimum day-time low of 20°C or higher, for two consecutive days. A heat warning can also be issued when the humidex is forecast to be 40°C or higher for two consecutive days.

- An extended heat warning is issued when the same conditions apply above, but the heat event is expected to last for three or more days in a row.

During a heat warning, or anytime when temperatures become uncomfortably warm, the health unit advises people to:

- Avoid going out in the sun or heat when possible.
- Stay cool, and if possible, stay in an air-conditioned place. If your home does not have air conditioning, go to the shopping mall, library, community centre, or friend's house. To see if there is a cooling centre in your community, contact your local municipality.

- When outdoors, stay in the shade as much as possible. If you plan to go outside during a very hot day, do so early in the morning or evening when it is cooler.

- Avoid outdoor sports and physical activity.

- Wear loose-fitting, light clothing and a wide brimmed hat.
- Drink lots of water and natural fruit juices, even if you don't feel very thirsty.

- Check in regularly with vulnerable family, friends, neighbours and others who could be affected by the heat. These include children, older adults and persons with chronic illnesses. Make sure they are

- Eat light, cool foods, and avoid heavy meals that involve using the oven or other hot appliances.

- Keep shades, drapes and blinds closed on the sunny side of your home, but keep windows open slightly. If you do not have air conditioning, use fans.

- Keep lights off or turned low.

Take a cool bath or shower periodically,

- Never leave a child or pet in a closed, parked vehicle.

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Tracey Lee Green sings and strums her banjo as part of Fifth Business, which opened the Food and Beverage Showcase. The event raised money for Minden-based charity Help A Village Effort as well as Fuel for Warmth, which helps local residents heat their homes. The day included food samples, music, a photo contest, silent auction and highland dancing.



## Celebrating food, supporting charity

MP Jamie Schmale, left, and Help A Village Effort chairman Ron Reid have some fun at the front gate of the Food and Beverage Showcase at Wintergreen on Saturday, June 16. / JENN WATT Staff

On a hot Saturday afternoon, the beer was especially welcome at the Food and Beverage Showcase. Local breweries Boshkung Brewing Co. and Haliburton Highlands Brewing were on the back lawn at Wintergreen pouring samples

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# Spreading sass in downtown Minden



Sassy Digs is expanding, the home decor shop opening a second location at the former EMS depot along Milne Street in Minden. Owner Shawn Smandysh, left, made a presentation to Minden Hills council regarding his plans last week. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Sassy Digs is opening a second location in Minden, and its owner is looking for relief from a township bylaw requiring a certain number of parking spaces in order to facilitate an outdoor seating/retail area.

Shawn Smandysh, who's also the proprietor of Ommeh Beauty Boutique, made a presentation to Minden Hills councillors during their June 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

Smandysh has leased the former EMS depot at 8 Milne St., which he explained to council will become additional retail space for the home decor of Sassy Digs, which will incorporate some food, including healthy take-out options.

"We have, hopefully, plans to work with you guys in terms of your green space concept," Smandysh said, in reference to a planned downtown revitalization project.

"The property has been vacant for three years," Smandysh continued. "Three years is a long time for a property to sit vacant on a main street of a town that really doesn't have that much space."

Referring to Pharmasave and Up River Trading Co., which both now have entrances on Milne Street as well as Bobcaygeon Road, Smandysh explained he wanted to continue a transformation of Milne Street to make it more usable for pedestrians.

"Our aim is really to create an aesthetic space that is retail friendly," he said, adding this would include planted areas, and seating for both members of the public and store patrons. It would also showcase outdoor furniture and landscaping items.

"I think Minden is the black swan of the county," Smandysh said. "I think we have more potential here than people think we have."

Smandysh plans to realign existing parking spots in the parking lot so that patrons can pull in directly forward toward the building, as well as create a dedicated area for delivery trucks. He was looking for an exception to a requirement he provide additional parking spaces, which comes from a township bylaw that dictates that businesses must provide a certain number of parking stalls.

"This is really exciting," said Councillor Jean Neville, adding it was clear a lot of work had gone into the plan. "To tell you the truth, when I first heard about that parking space issue, I wondered why that hadn't come to council before, to have it revisited or rescinded. Because, what do you do in a small town like Minden to create more parking spaces? . . . Where are you supposed to create parking spaces? To me, that bylaw doesn't make sense."

With the new Minden Hills fire hall on Highway 35 now operational, the space that has housed the fire hall, as well as the the vacant municipal property beside it, will all be available for a new purpose. That will all be part of the work in the township's downtown revitalization project.

"Certainly the economic development, the downtown revitalization and our conversations with respect to land, those things are all happening," said Mayor Brent Devolin, adding he thought was Smandysh was suggesting was consistent with that vision.

A report from staff will come back to council.

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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS

## Stacey offers service with a smile

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

It's a weekday morning and the clubroom in Minden's Royal Canadian Legion on Highway 35 isn't technically open yet, but that doesn't stop a fairly steady stream of people from coming through the front doors looking for Stacey Smitton.

They come with updates about when their club needs to book the Legion's space or with questions about an upcoming event, or stories of what just happened downtown. They expect Smitton, the Legion's bar manager, to know the answers to their questions, and she does.

But she's also apt to check in with them, too, asking about their families, their recent trip or how their health has been. Besides being the face they're used to seeing behind the bar from Monday to Friday for the past five years, they know her as their friend.

"I think the [patrons] like the one-on-one interaction," she said. "I feel like they're my family, because I see them every day. It's a great place to be. It's not crazy, it's not loud. It's just a comfortable setting."

Smitton became the Legion's bar manager after stopping by at the club for a drink one day. After speaking with the executive, she agreed to work one day a week – Thursdays – filling in for the previous longtime bar manager who was planning on retirement. After about six months, she took on the role full-time.

"It's really hard to find a job in this business that's Monday to Friday," she said. "My life has always been nights and weekends and split shifts."

Previous to the Legion, Smitton worked in the summer at the Pinestone managing the beverage cart after she moved to the region from Oshawa area in about 2006.

"That was a great job," she said. "That really got me into the community, I got to meet a ton of people there. I just went back every summer."

The service industry has been Smitton's line of work throughout her life, she said of her previous work experience. She was a general manager of a Don Cherry's Sports Grill in Courtice, in between Oshawa and Bowmanville, for about 12 years before she moved north. In Haliburton, she worked at the Family Restaurant before joining the Legion as one of two employees.

"I love this job," she said. "I love this job, I love the people, I love the commitment from the volunteers. I find that so incredible, how this place comes together with all the volunteers and how well they work together, and the executive. It's just a great place to work. It's an upbeat place, it's busy, it's steady and I like that. And it's not just, for me, it's not just working behind the bar. I do a lot of other things here. Sometimes pouring a beer is the least of the job. I like that, I like to be busy. There's always something happening here. It's a busy little spot."

When she started, she also became a member of the Legion, a place she admits she didn't know much about prior to working there.

"When I came here, I knew nothing about it," she said. "I knew nothing about the Legion. I've learned a lot. I've been a member since Day 1, since I started. It's just giving back to the community, right? It's important. This is here for seniors to use. We give back and donate a lot of money. It was a no-

brainer to be a member."

Though it used to be restricted to the general public, a place for veterans to meet and socialize, patrons of Minden's Legion are now of all ages, coming from all walks of life. Daily lunches held from noon to 2 p.m., karaoke nights, live entertainment nights and fish and chip lunches and dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. on Fridays are full.

"We still see a few veterans, but not many," said Smitton. "There's a lot of regular clientele, a lot of age groups, not just seniors. If you start to look at the membership a little bit, you can see there's some of the new generation coming in. The Legion needs that, to see young people getting involved. But on a daily basis if you look around the bar you'll see different faces."

Some of the Legion regulars start to roll in at around 10 to 11 a.m., when the bar is open, laughed Smitton. Visitors might stop by daily, but some come on a more weekly basis. Those who stop in or gather in the main club room with its high ceilings and numerous windows are a tight-knit group, cracking jokes with each other, watching a game or just enjoying social time in the bright space, newly renovated for accessibility. Their familiarity with each others' vehicles combined with their view of Highway 35 and the entrance to the Legion's parking lot makes for plenty of gentle ribbing and comments if drivers haven't, say, parked between the lines properly.

"I have this thing, as soon as I see someone pulling in, I will yell, 'someone's coming!' and then everyone looks," laughed Smitton. "So now they're doing it. 'Someone's coming!' It's kind of silly, but it gets everyone ... 'who's coming, who is it? What's happening?' ... excited about it. On any given day, there are jokes flying around. It's just a lot of fun. It's never boring here."

If time passes before Smitton sees someone, she makes a call to check in on them, noting that many have become like family. She has a photo of Keith Purdy, a good friend of hers, posted behind the bar.

"I see a lot of faces," she said. "And a lot of snowbirds. So that's nice, once the spring hits, to see those faces again, because they're gone for the winter. It's nice to see them back. Also, a lot of people who I've gotten to know through here, who I've built friendships with. Not just serving them, but I have a personal connection, which I really enjoy. Sometimes I feel like I know too much about my regulars. 'I didn't need to know that!' But then, they're probably saying the same thing about me."

Smitton said those relationships mean that many of the Legion members or patrons hang out during the off-hours too, attending weddings and events together.

"There's a lot that happens," she said. "Sometimes on the weekend I will be with a lot of the people who are here on a daily basis. I've made a lot of connections to people here. I'll be a Legion member for as long as this place is here."

The regular visitors have also attended funerals together.

"That's the sad end of it," she said. "I do see some of the regular seniors that I've gotten to know well, that's the hard part, but that's part of life. It is tough when you get to know someone fairly well. I'm not going to say that's a downside [of the job], but it's definitely difficult sometimes."

The location of the Legion, not downtown or mingling with the other highway hot spots,



Stacey Smitton has offered a friendly face and genuine friendship from behind the bar at Minden's Legion for the past five years./SUE TIFFIN Staff

means that sometimes it's overlooked by Minden residents or those driving through at highway speeds.

"People will pop in, they say, 'we've never been in here, it's so nice, we drive by all the time,'" said Smitton. "That's the thing, a lot of people just drive by. [They say] 'I've been driving by here for 10 years and never

popped in, it's so nice in here.'"

Crediting the welcoming nature of the building, the staff, the executive and volunteers, and the customers who make the Legion their gathering spot, Smitton suggests people come in to try the Legion for lunch, or pop in to say hello.

"Get in here," she said.

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**Laurie Scott, MPP**  
Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock

# Maxine Snell named Senior of the Year

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

From years heading up the county fair board, to volunteering with the Minden Health Care Auxiliary and the United Church Women, longtime resident Maxine Snell was named the 2018 Minden Hills Senior of the Year during a June 14 council meeting.

"She's volunteered with all kinds of organizations and associations for more than 50 years, was the treasurer of the the UCW group, she volunteers with the UCW and the United Church pastoral care committee," said Mayor Brent Devolin. "She's a volunteer at the hospital auxiliary, and has received her 15-year pin."

Snell also competes in the Ontario Seniors Games, where she's competed in multiple events.

"She hosts card games at her parties at Hyland Crest, and those parties have raised more than \$3,500, and she's working towards a \$5,000 goal," Devolin said.

Snell, who worked at a number of local business, as well as Archie Stouffer Elementary School, was a longtime volunteer with the Minden Agricultural Society, and chaired the Haliburton County Fair Board for 16 years. She's hosted many pie-making bees at her home for the fair board's annual roast beef barbecue fundraiser.



A surprised Maxine Snell receives the Minden Hills Senior of the Year award from Mayor Brent Devolin during a June 14 council meeting, as members of the public applaud. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

"She's very deserving of recognition, and has been for many, many years," said Devolin, as he presented Snell with flowers and plaque to loud applause from the audience.

"Thank you very much, everybody," Snell said. "This is a big surprise for me. I never, ever thought why [granddaughter] Jennifer wanted me to come . . . I really appreciate it."

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## Show and shine

Many classes of trucks and ATVs rolled into the Minden fairgrounds last Saturday for the 31st Annual Kinsmen Show and Shine and Truck Pull. The brave competitors took part in the mud bog and truck pulls while others let their pride gleam in the sun./KAREN LONDON Staff



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE and STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

#### TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 3 - OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

Please be advised that the Township of Algonquin Highlands is holding a Public Open House and Statutory Public Meeting in accordance with Section 17 and Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended with respect to Official Plan Amendment No. 3, being an Amendment to implement the Township's Official Plan Review.

#### PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The purpose of the Open House is to provide the public with the opportunity to review and discuss the proposed revisions to the Township's Official Plan contained within Official Plan Amendment No. 3, as a result of the Official Plan Review. The format of the Open House will be informal, with a brief presentation of the proposed revisions by Township representatives, with opportunity for the public to ask questions and/or provide comments either during the presentation or on a one to one basis following the presentation.

WHEN: Saturday, July 14th, 2018  
 TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with presentation at 10:30 a.m.  
 WHERE: Dorset Recreation Centre  
 1051 Main Street  
 Dorset, Ontario

#### STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

The purpose of the Statutory Public Meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to provide comments to Township Council on the proposed Amendment to the Official Plan, and for Council to consider the feedback prior to adopting the Official Plan Amendment.

WHEN: Thursday, August 16th, 2018  
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
 WHERE: Council Chambers – Municipal Office  
 1123 North Shore Road  
 Algonquin Highlands, Ontario

#### PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 3

The Official Plan is a statutory document that provides the planning framework to manage land use and to guide the physical development of the Township, while having regard to relevant social, environmental and economic matters. The Planning Act requires that municipalities review their Official Plans every five years from an update. The Township last updated the Official Plan in 2011 and the current Official Plan Review was initiated in 2016. Official Plan Amendment No. 3 contains proposed revisions to the current Official Plan based on the results of the Official Plan Review and are intended to reflect new provincial policies, the new County of Haliburton Official Plan and feedback received from the public and organizations throughout the process.

**NO KEY MAP** has been provided as Official Plan Amendment No. 3 affects all lands within the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A copy of proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 3, together with a comparison chart of the existing and proposed policies, will be available by June 22nd, 2018 and can be accessed:

Online at: [www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca)  
 For viewing at the Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 For further information, contact Sean O'Callaghan, Planner, [socallaghan@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:socallaghan@algonquinhighlands.ca), 705-489-2379, ext. 224

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of Algonquin Highlands on the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of Algonquin Highlands at the address below.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands before the Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands before the Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Tribunal, unless in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

**Dated at the Township of Algonquin Highlands this 21st day of June, 2018.**

Matt Gower, Municipal Clerk  
 Township of Algonquin Highlands  
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# Upcoming Events On Your Lake

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## Lake Kashagawigamog

June 23 - LKO AGM at Silver Beach 8:30 a.m. Coffee, 9 a.m. Meeting will commence! Come and learn all about your lake! Get involved today!

## LKO Gives Back: First Annual Fundraising Golf Day

When: Saturday, July 7  
 We will be fundraising to give back to our local communities!

Time: 8 a.m. for 18-hole golfers, 10:30 a.m. for 9-hole golfers

Lunch: The barbecue will be on with gourmet burgers (veggie option) salads and desserts served

Venue: Bancroft Ridge Golf Club – 30 Nicklaus Drive, Bancroft. Contact the clubhouse 613-332-4563 or [www.golfbancroftridge.com](http://www.golfbancroftridge.com)

Cost: \$65 for 9 holes and \$85 for 18 holes – which includes green fees, power carts, lunch, prizes and a \$10 donation per golfer for the Minden Food Banks and Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank. Online registrations on the LKO website ([www.lko.ca](http://www.lko.ca)) by no later than July 2, but early registration is appreciated for planning purposes.

## Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA)

Annual Meeting - Saturday, July 7  
 11 a.m. at Airport Strip (Across from Miskwabi Boat Launch, Trapper's Trail)  
 Bring your own chairs. BBQ to follow.  
 \*\*\*Rain Day is Sunday, July 8\*\*\*

## Glamor Lake Cottagers' Association

Annual General Meeting  
 Saturday, July 7

Gooderham - Robert McCausland Centre  
 Doors open 9 a.m.

Meeting 10 a.m. to noon  
 Brian Cain, President GLCA, 705-447-2018

## Salerno (Devil's) Lake Cottagers' Association

Further details on all our events can be found on our website home page [www.SDLCA.ca](http://www.SDLCA.ca) under "2018 Events"

Shoreline Naturalization Workshop and Planting Event – Sept. 8. The CHA is seeking interested lakefront landowners and volunteers to participate in Shoreline Naturalization Workshop and Planting Events that will be happening on Salerno Lake this summer. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about restoration planning components such as erosion control, vegetation spacing, invasive species, access points and buffer zones. The volunteer form can be found on the event page under [www.SDLCA.ca](http://www.SDLCA.ca) / 2018 Events / Shoreline Workshop and Planting Event

## Kawagama Lake

KLCA (Kawagama Lake) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

July 7, at 10 a.m.

Guest Speaker Heather Auld will speak about Climate Change and how it affects lakes in our area. This presentation is offered free to all members. It will be held at the Dorset Recreation Centre in Dorset. Non-Members can purchase a membership to hear the talk.

## Moore Lake Property Owners Association

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, July 8 at 9 a.m.

Summerkiss Restaurant at Moore Falls

## South Lake Association of Cottagers and Residents

Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 28

Location: Haliburton Highlands Golf Course at 1 p.m.

Best Ball Format (so golfers of all levels are welcome).

Sign up as a foursome, a pair or individually

9 holes of golf

Ride on cart, Dinner, Prizes (donations of prizes or if you wish to sponsor "longest drive or closest to the pin" would be greatly appreciated)

All for only \$55.00 a person! Contact Patti Goreski (1096 Thistle Lane, 705-286-3108 Cell: 905-242-8214) or Lori Sparks at 416-550-3966 for further details.

## Halls/Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association

HHLPOA Annual General Meeting

Sunday, July 1

Camp Kawabi (Big Hawk Lake)

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## Little Glamor Lake

Annual General Meeting,  
 Saturday, July 21, 9:30 a.m.,  
 Gooderham Community Centre

## Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association

Annual General Meeting  
 Saturday, July 7 at 10 a.m. at the Fish Hatchery on Gelert Road

## Kushog Lake

Annual General Meeting: Saturday, June 23, Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall, North Shore Rd off Hwy 35  
 Refreshments at 9 a.m. Meeting from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

## Drag and Spruce Lakes

Dock Day (new)  
 Saturday, June 30 (Rain date Sunday)  
 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
 Location: Your Dock and other participating docks

Karen Gingrich, [kgingrich@bell.net](mailto:kgingrich@bell.net), (705) 455-9952

Have a look at our website for more information on this great plan and for a raindate, if needed. Please contact Karen if you would like to volunteer to help coordinate.

## Grace Lake Cottagers Association

AGM - June 30  
 Where: Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Registration and refreshments at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m., and there will be a speaker at 11 a.m. (tba). All interested cottagers from Grace Lake are welcome to attend.

## Twelve Mile, Little Boshkung Lakes Association

AGM  
 Saturday, June 23, 9 a.m., Red Umbrella Inn

## Canning Lake

AGM  
 Sunday, July 8 (9:30 a.m. for socializing)

Meeting at 10 a.m.

At Rigney's Roost, 1037 Hamlin Lane

## Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association

The Annual General Meeting of the HLPOA will be held on Saturday, June 23 at the Minden Legion, 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Paul Heaven will be available to answer questions on the Lakeshore Restoration Project. Local politicians have been invited to attend. This is an election year. Refreshments and a BBQ lunch will be served. Please bring a cash donation or a non-perishable food item for the Minden Food Bank.

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**Bacteria** –Never let anything go down the drain that kills the good bacteria in your system – your system need these bacteria to digest the waste before the water goes back into our water table and lakes.

**Time** - Your system needs as much time as you can give it to digest the waste you put in before the next load of water arrives. Remember – one drop in = one drop out of your system.

Give your system time by Minimizing Water Use and Spreading It out over Time.

*Tip of the Week*

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## Shorelines: The Basics

Without a liver your body would not be able to filter toxins and would die. A Natural shoreline is your lake's liver.

Maintaining and re naturalizing our lake shorelines is one of the 2 most important actions that we can take to protect our lakes. Natural shorelines filter out nutrients such as phosphorous before they get into our lakes and cause algae blooms, weed growth and decreased fish populations. They also reduce erosion and flooding and increase habitat for beautiful creatures such as butterflies, birds, fish and frogs.

90% of life in your lake depends on a Natural shoreline with deep rooted native trees and shrubs.

If 75% of your lake's shoreline is not natural your lake is headed for trouble.

*Tip of the Week*

### LEAVE FALLEN TREES BE

Fallen logs are wonderlands for fish, who use them as natural shelter. There's a direct correlation between your lack of fish stories and your lack of natural shoreline. Grass to the shoreline and retaining walls don't promote a healthy fish population – bring the fish home with a natural shoreline.

Pay attention to this tip to answer next week's question!

**Prizes!**

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## This Week's Question:

**Should I spend my weekends cutting my grass by the shore?**

### How to Win:

Email your answer to this week's question by 5 p.m. Monday, June 25 to [chacontest@canoefm.com](mailto:chacontest@canoefm.com). The draw will happen on Friday, June 29 at 4:30 p.m. and the winner will be announced live on air on 100.9 Canoe FM and in this space next week. (Only correct answers will be entered in the draw).

### Play Each Week!

All qualifying ballots will be entered in a grand prize draw of \$1,000 cash to be held Friday, Sept 7, 2018!

**Congratulations!**

To **NITA ACKER**  
of Dorset who correctly  
answered last week's question!

# HHSS celebrates athletes, coaches

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

Athletes, coaches, family and friends celebrated a year of HHSS sports at the high school's annual athletic banquet held on June 12.

Speeches were often emotional as coaches recounted memorable events and moments and named most valuable players from each team in: wrestling, curling, figure skating, snowboarding, ice hockey, volleyball, basketball, football, golf, cross-country running, rugby, field hockey, soccer, track and field and badminton. The night was particularly emotional for coaches and educators Judi Paul, Russ Duhaime and Ron Yake who are retiring this year. Yake was athlete of the year himself at the school in 1981, and has been involved in coaching and organizing HHSS sports since 1988. While introducing Yake for an Impact Award, Jason Morissette said he was patient, humble, kind, an all-around exceptional athlete and that his passion and enthusiasm had motivated countless individuals throughout the years.

The evening ended with the announcement of athlete of the year awards.

Ben Schmidt, who has been involved in badminton, cross country, soccer and track and field was the male recipient of the athlete of the year award.

"I don't have one favourite moment that  
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HHSS students Ben Schmidt and Emily Klose were named as the high school's 2018 Athletes of the Year last week. HHSS honoured athletes involved in team sports at the high school throughout the year at their annual athletic banquet held June 12./SUE TIFFIN Staff

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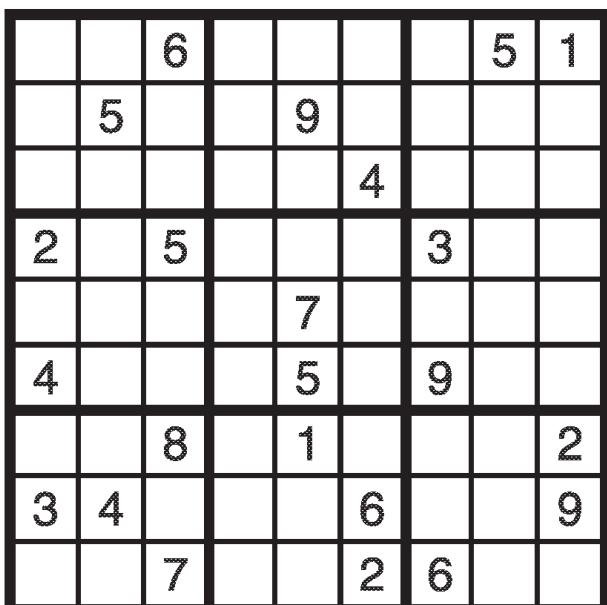
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Answers on page 24

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### COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

**AND FURTHER THAT** at its meeting to be held Monday, July 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-006/18  
Applicant: Ivy Pinter  
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 13, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, Now in the Township of Minden Hills  
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
- File No. H-007/18  
Applicant: Derek Pinter  
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 14, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, Now in the Township of Minden Hills  
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
- File No. H-009/18  
Applicant: Gary Grant, Carly Grant and Riley Grant  
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 3, Concession A, Geographic Township of Sherborne, Now in the Township of Minden Hills  
Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 21st day of June, 2018.

Lisa Gillan  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Haliburton County Land Division Committee  
11 Newcastle Street  
P. O. Box 399  
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0  
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# Top athletes focus on their personal growth

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stood out, but experiencing OFSAA three separate times for badminton were all my favourite," he said. "Being able to be in such a big event was a very exciting learning experience."

Schmidt said he loves the competitive aspect of sports, but doesn't play to win.

"I've never been one to play sports for the glory," he said. "I play sports for the personal benefit of it, and I just want to be able to tell any other young athletes to not do it to win, but to strive to do your best and keep beating your best. It doesn't matter who you are, anyone can participate in sports and have fun playing them."

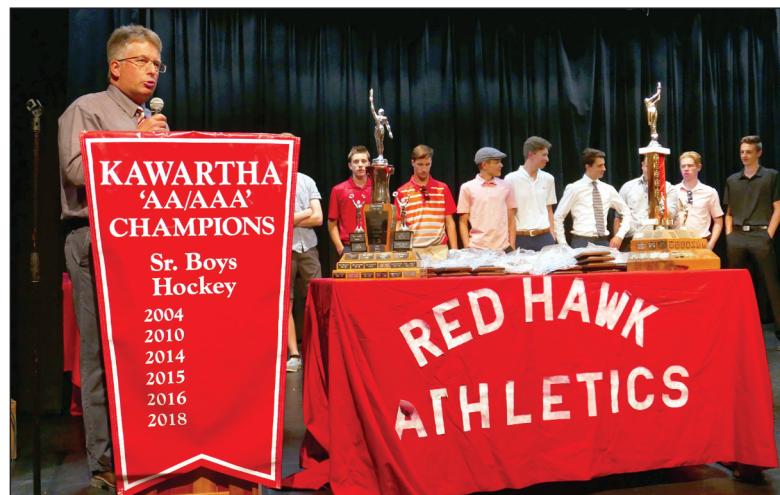
Incredibly, Schmidt's win makes him the fourth person in his family – the last of four brothers – to win the award. "We can thank our parents for teaching us to be driven, hard working, and to not give up," he said.

Emily Klose, who was part of field hockey, wrestling, badminton and soccer, was the female recipient of the athlete of the year award.

"The most memorable athletic moment for me was probably OFSAA wrestling in Grade 12," she said. "I won a couple of difficult matches and made it on to the second day of the event. This experience was very memorable because I've been doing wrestling since I was about 10 years old, and I could see the results of my efforts at this event."

Klose acknowledged that Coach Smith, who presented the award to her,

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Ron Yake, left, athletic director, coach, teacher, and 1981 HHSS Athlete of the Year - was thanked and celebrated at the 2018 HHSS Athletic Banquet, for his effort in coaching for the past 30 years. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Ryan Prentice, a member of the golf team, accepts a Most Inspirational Player award and cheerfully encourages the audience for more applause on June 12 at the HHSS athletic banquet.



Cumulative Major Athletic Award Winners: Emily Klose, Dakota MacDonald, Nolan Flood, Liam Little, Owen Patterson Smith, Natalya Gimon, Arden Harrop, Matt Manning.

For Residents of The Township of Minden Hills and The Township of Algonquin Highlands

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### Water Ambassadors Canada 6th Annual Charity Golf Classic

When: Thursday, June 21  
Time: 1 p.m. shotgun start, 6 p.m. dinner  
Where: Pinestone Resort  
Register: [www.waterambassadorscanada.org/golf.html](http://www.waterambassadorscanada.org/golf.html) or  
contact Ursula at 705-455-2037  
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Water Ambassadors Canada provides clean drinking water to impoverished communities around the world. Last year's tournament raised enough money to help over 10,000 people. Let's do it again.

### Haliburton County Historical Society

Speaker: Ken Wrigglesworth  
When: June 21, 1:30 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton Museum  
Power Point presentation of the "Haliburton Scout Reserve" "Remember sitting around the Camp Fire and singing songs?"

### "Colour With Wood"

An evening of painting with artist Wendy Wood  
When: Friday, June 22 at the Curling Club  
Where: Minden Curling Club  
Cost: \$40 includes all materials, snacks, door prizes  
Tickets must be purchased by June 17  
All proceeds go to Minden Curling Club  
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### All You Can Eat – Strawberry Supper

When: Saturday, June 23 from 4 to 7 p.m.  
Where: 1741 Ingoldsby Road, Ingoldsby United Church  
A variety of delicious salads, rolls, roast beef, ham, strawberry shortcake, tea, coffee, juice  
Adults - \$18, Children 6 – 12 - \$8, Children 5 & Under are Free.

Bazaar, craft and bake tables beginning at 9 a.m.

### Gord Kidd & Friend, featuring Shawn Chamberlin with a Country Gospel Show

When: Sunday, June 24, 12 to 3:30 p.m.  
Where: Dominion Hotel, Minden  
Additional information can be found on: <https://www.gordkidd.com>

### Gord Kidd & Friends, featuring Shawn Chamberlin & Brad Sales with a Tiki Tuesday Party

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### Endangered Species

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When: Saturday, June 30, 9 p.m.

Where: Wilberforce Legion

### Jazz at the Museum VI: Ernesto Cervini's Turboprop

Presented by Canoe FM's Jazz at the 45th This 2018 Juno nominated sextet, is "innovative and electrifying with infectious energy." When: July 7, 7:30 p.m. - two amazing sets of all star, all Canadian jazz Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum - 66 Museum Road Tickets: \$30 (cash only) Available at CanoeFM (705-457-2760) and the Haliburton Highlands Museum (705-457-2760) Net Proceeds to the Haliburton Highlands Museum

### Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association: Art on the Dock

When: Saturday, July 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday, July 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Studio type tour featuring 37 artists and artisans at 17 locations around Kennisis Lake  
Exhibitors will be showing and selling their fine arts and crafts on their docks, decks and in their Cottages, lofts and garages. Visitors are welcome to tour the lake by boat or by road.  
Art on the Dock signs will designate the locations.  
<https://www.klcoa.org/events/art-on-the-dock/>

## Students recognized for dedication to athletics

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had helped her grow both physically and mentally, and on stage, made a point to thank her teammates and parents for helping her.

"It's nice to be recognized for the time I've spent doing sports throughout high school," she told the Echo. "It means a lot to me to be singled out as an able athlete, but mostly I just did sports because I enjoy doing sports. I'm extremely grateful for all the time and effort my coaches and teammates have put into my improvement, and my winning athlete of the year was a result of their contribution to my athletics."

### Cumulative Awards

**Athletes of the Year:** Ben Schmidt, Emily Klose



Melissa Brinkos and Issac Little were named as 2017-2018 Rising Red Hawks - students who have shown athletic prowess in their early years at HHSS.

**Cumulative Minor Athletic Award:** Shawn Walker, Aidan Coles, Kyle Cooper, Jacob Haedicke, Coleman Heaven, Camraen Little, Zach Morissette, Carson Sisson, Connor Spence, Trevor Turner, Rebecca Archibald, Melissa Brinkos, Noelle Dupret Smith, Madeline Hopkins, Freya Moran, Mia Quigley, Hannah Riopelle, Chloe Samson, Kailynn Sikma, Isaac Little, Madison Allaire

**Cumulative Major Athletic Award:** Emily Klose, Dakota MacDonald, Nolan Flood, Liam Little, Owen Patterson Smith, Natalya Gimon, Arden Harrop, Matt Manning

**Award of Excellence:** Sam Longo, Ben Schmidt, Zak Shantz

**Kit Pizzez Intramural Participation Award:** Matt Manning

**Rising Red Hawk Award:** Isaac Little, Melissa Brinkos



Matt Manning received the Kit Pizzez Intramural Award at the June 12 HHSS athletic banquet./SUE TIFFIN Staff



**Cumulative Minor Athletic Award Winners:** Shawn Walker, Aidan Coles, Kyle Cooper, Jacob Haedicke, Coleman Heaven, Camraen Little, Zach Morissette, Carson Sisson, Connor Spence, Trevor Turner, Rebecca Archibald, Melissa Brinkos, Noelle Dupret Smith, Madeline Hopkins, Freya Moran, Mia Quigley, Hannah Riopelle, Chloe Samson, Kailynn Sikma, Isaac Little, Madison Allaire.



Zak Shantz, Ben Schmidt and Sam Longo received awards of excellence at the 2018 athletic banquet held at HHSS.

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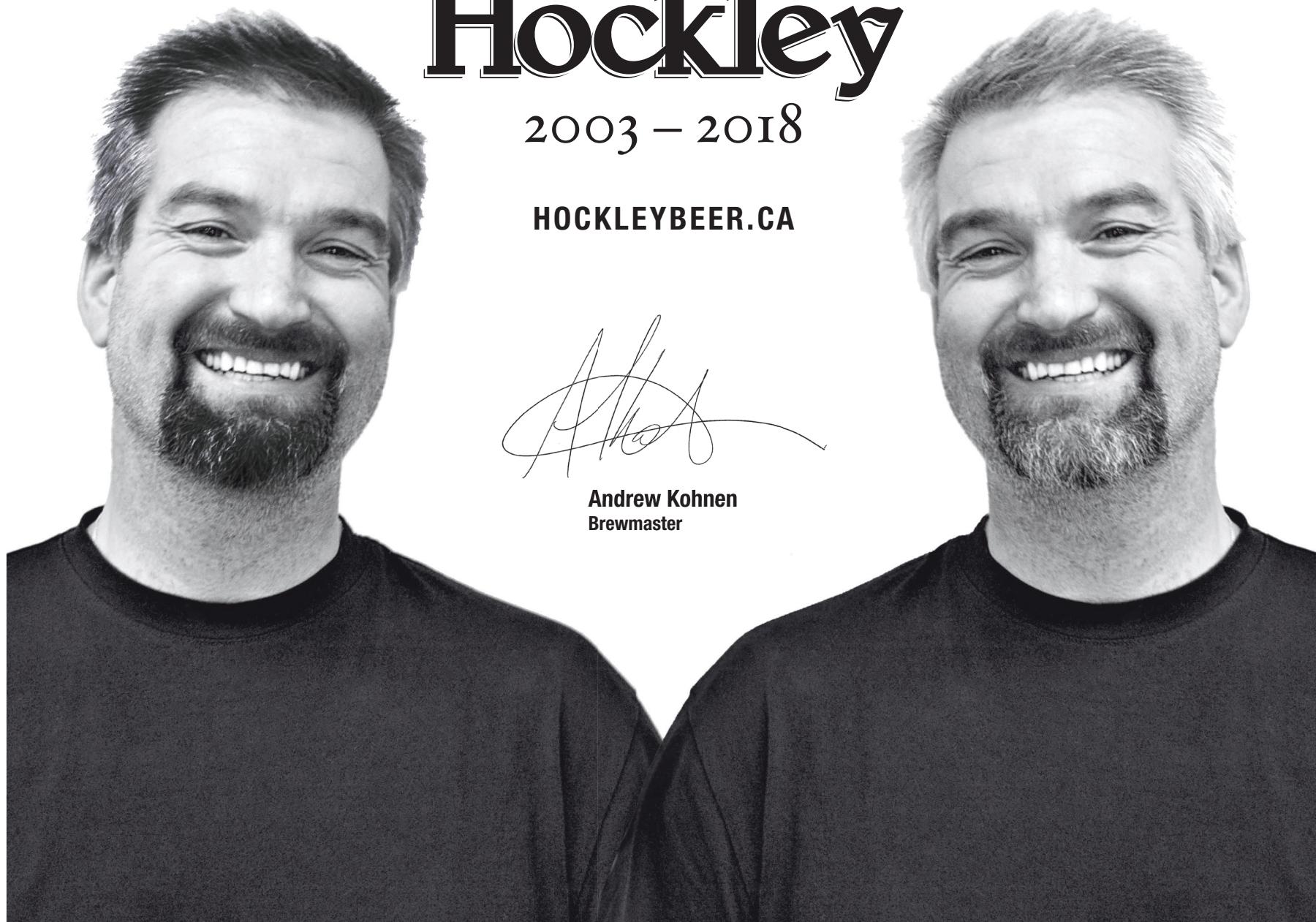
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# Kaleidoscope gives local authors a chance to be heard

by GEORGE FARRELL  
Special to the Times

The first annual Kaleidoscope of Authors was held in the pancake barn of Wintergreen Maple Products in Gelert on the afternoon of Saturday, June 9. It was an event designed to promote writing, writers, and literature in the county, while also giving local authors the opportunity to network with each other and exchange ideas.

The concept came about in January of this year when author Marie Gage was visiting Wintergreen. Gage commented to Diane Dawson on the number of books to be seen on shelves in Wintergreen, and Dawson, who runs the establishment with husband Tom, said that she thought it would be a good idea to get a group of authors together so that they could all benefit from each other's connections.

Gage took it from there, and with the assistance of fellow author Irene Davidson Fisher, who writes books for children, Gage set about contacting all local writing groups, and groups from Bobcaygeon and Muskoka. The result was "a gathering of 16 authors selling books, talking about the writing process, answering questions from the public and signing autographed copies," Gage said. "The writers had expressed a need for a book fair and this is it. The idea was

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Local authors display their books which were for sale at the first Kaleidoscope of Authors. From left, Barb Gregory, Sharon Lawrence, Margo Roberts, Jim Poling Sr., David Skinner, Connie Neil, Anje Hilkens, David Franks, Caroline Misner, Doug Smith, James Mitchell, Marie Gage, Ruth Walker, Irene Davidson Fisher. Missing are Vivienne Barker and Yvonne Heath.

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# Event highlights literary community

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also for the writers to reach out to their own networks to inform people of the event."

On the day of the event the authors were spread out at stations over the two floors of Wintergreen, as they eagerly awaited the public, who started to drift in soon after the 1 p.m. opening.

Jane Shields, who was visiting from London, Ont., purchased a copy of Waking Nanabijou, by Jim Poling Sr. "It's a secret about his mother after her death," Shields said. "Who doesn't like a good secret?"

"I'm interested in local authors and Wintergreen is a fabulous venue for the event," said Pat Bett from Haliburton. "We need to support our local authors." Bett bought two children's books for the grandchildren of relatives who were visiting from New Brunswick. The books were Robbie Raccoon by Irene Davidson Fisher and Blake's Monkey Adventure by Marie Gage.

But Gage was not looking to measure the success of a Kaleidoscope of Authors strictly by the number of books sold. She realizes that establishing any event takes perseverance. "This is just a start, and in future we may expand to include public readings, a play, or music written and performed by local singer/songwriters," she said.

"Kaleidoscope served the purpose of raising awareness to the presence of authors living in the area," Gage said the

day after the event. "It would have been great to have had more people attend but we know it takes four years to build a successful event, so we need to keep moving forward."

Gage has already started discussions regarding what next year's book fair might look like, and she said she would be happy to hear from the public regarding what would draw them to a kaleidoscope of local authors.

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Kaleidoscope served the purpose of raising awareness to the presence of authors living in the area.

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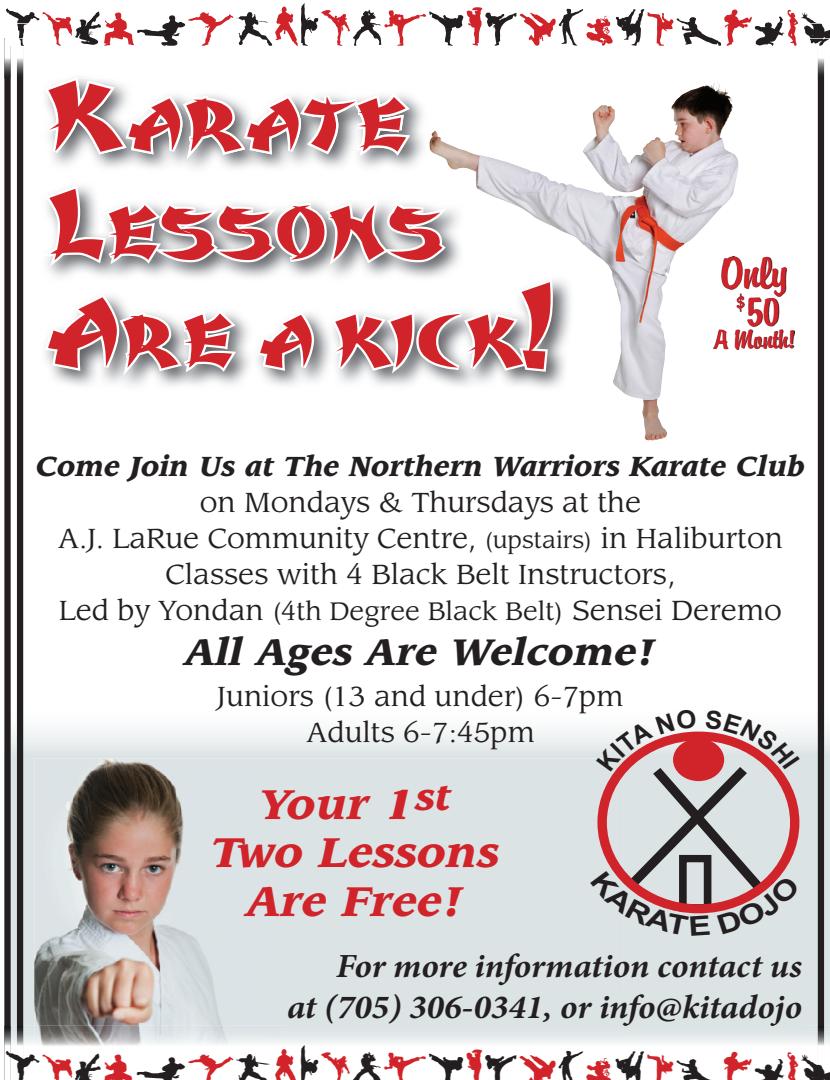
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Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation – Palliative Care Centre (HHHSF-PCC) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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## Students DARE

by Matthew Sitler

They'll just say no on their own, thank you very much.

Celebrating their graduation from a 17-week long Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program, students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School took to the stage to accept awards and diplomas.

"I promise to try to stay out of trouble," announced student Stephanie George from the podium. "You're never going to go anywhere except to jail if you do drugs."

Student Jesse Stamp echoed that sentiment saying he didn't want to mess up his career by doing drugs. "I want to grow up to be an under-water

photographer or a marine biologist," he said.

"This course didn't really qualify as work," announced OPP Constable Laura Ostler, who headed the education program that was intended to deter drug use among students from the earliest age possible. "Next year, we will be educating the grade 5 students."

Along with Ostler, Brian Mulder, an OPP Co-op student, took part in the educational endeavour. As Mrs. Hagerman, Mr. Johnston and Mrs. Clarke's classes took to the stage, Constable Ostler added that the course was a great strategy. 73 students took part in this year's D.A.R.E. program.



Waving their certificates, students in the grade 6 and 7 celebrate their completion of the 17 week long Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

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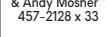
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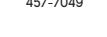
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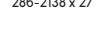
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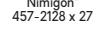
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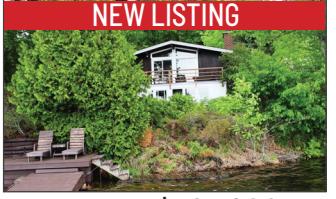
- 960 sq', 3 bedrooms, almost 6 acres
- Double garage & single garage
- Large deck and screen gazebo

Christine Sharp\*  
286-2138 x59**Drag Lake \$599,000**

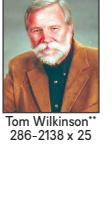
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